

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28740 / H0284

This is the FY 2022 original appropriation bill for the Catastrophic Health Care Program. The Catastrophic Health Care Program, also known as the CAT Fund or CAT Program, was established in Chapter 35, Title 31, Idaho Code, to meet the needs of the medically indigent residents in Idaho who do not qualify for state or federal health and welfare programs, but do qualify for county assistance. The claims-associated county is responsible for the first \$11,000 in medical bills for the medically indigent in any twelve-month period. The state program is responsible for all eligible medical bills in excess of \$11,000. Appropriations from the General Fund to this program are transferred into the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Fund which is continuously appropriated for expenses incurred, as provided in Section 57-813, Idaho Code. The Cat Program anticipates about \$12 million in claims expenditures in FY 2022. The program will rely on this appropriation along with any reimbursement revenue and existing cash balances to pay its statutory required bills.

## FISCAL NOTE

This bill appropriates \$8,500,600 from the General Fund.

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